

SUNDAY TIDINGS.

Lady Florence Dixie Attacked With Murderous Intent by Men Disguised as Women.

After Being Stabbed She Swoons and Is Protected by Her Faithful St. Bernard Dog.

Celebration of the Paris Commune By Herr Most and Associates in New York.

Decline of the Waters and a Hopeful Aspect Assumed by Southern Planters.

Unprecedented Treatment of Prisoners by Hull, a U. S. Marshal of South Carolina.

Eagan is Introduced as the Little Man Who Made the British Lion Tremble.

A Lady Called to Her Door and Brutally Murdered—Americans in Prison.

Workers Reaching the Bottom of the the Diamond Mines—Domestic and Foreign Notes.

London, March 18.—Lady Florence Dixie was attacked at Windsor yesterday by two men disguised in women's clothes. Her dress was cut with daggers in several places, but she received no injury. Lady Florence was walking in a secluded spot, when a man asked her what time it was. She replied she had no watch, and afterwards noticed that they were women's clothes and their faces had been shaved. Much alarmed she started to walk away and was followed by the men one of whom seized her. She struggled to escape but seeing their daggers fell in a swoon. This occurred at four o'clock in the afternoon. She did not recover her senses until 4:45. Lady Florence has been prostrated. The story of the affair was elicited from her only at intervals. She says her St. Bernard dog, she supposed protected her while she lay in the swoon. Lady Florence had no reason to suspect immediate danger, although she had been somewhat fearful since the receipt of letters about the land league. The last thing she remembers is of the men pushing a quantity of mud in her mouth. On her recovery she found both palms cut across and her gloves severed. There were two dagger holes, two inches apart, in the right breast of her dress. A broad steel corset ribbon was broken by the weapon, which had penetrated to the inner lining of her dress at the first stroke and to her corset at the second stroke. Lady Florence supposes she unconsciously struggled with the men assisted by her dog until the sounders were disturbed by a cart passing the woods. She received threatening letters while in Ireland recently. One man wore a green dress and a large hat with a veil. The veiled man attempted the assassination. No arrests have been made. The police have a slight clue to the sounders. It is believed the men were bitten in the struggle.

New York Communists.
New York, March 18.—The anniversary of the Paris Commune of 1871 was celebrated by the communists of this city today at a large gathering all wearing the red ribbon. On the walls were revolutionary mottoes bordered with blood color. The sashes of the officers were the same blue. Her Most in an address said the Paris commune was too humane and the commune of the future was to be established regardless of humanity, with a firm hand to wield the sword of destruction.

A memorial mass meeting in honor of Carl Marx was held by the workingmen of Brooklyn today. Dr. Adolph Donat delivered the memorial address. There was a large convention of Irish societies in this city today to arrange a reception to Parnell. The proceedings were harmonious. The Land Leaguers presented Dr. W. P. Wallace's name as president, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, named Jas. Oliver. Dr. Wallace was declared chosen amid much confusion. The Hibernians left the hall. When the noise subsided the meeting was resumed and business committees appointed to consider the best manner of receiving Parnell.

The Floods.
Memphis, Tenn., March 18.—The river here continues to steadily decline. The track of the Memphis & Little Rock railroad is free of water, and the repair of the line is actively progressing. The river is within the banks in many localities between Memphis and Helena. A special to the associated press from Helena, says the river is declining at the rate of six inches a day. The gauge registers less than forty-five feet. The total fall is over two feet. The bottom will soon be free of water. Planting begins within the next three weeks. Stringent sanitary measures will be put in force to preserve health after the waters subside. No apprehensions of further calamity.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 18.—The country about Clarksdale is inundated to the depth of three or four feet. The town being very high is safe. The country from Clarksdale to Fasonia, 300 miles, is under water on both sides. The river is as deep as last year. A considerable amount of the overflow was caused by the water from Friar's Point break-current and Clarksdale. It was very swift and caused the steamer Sunflower to return out into the fields losing one chimney and otherwise damaged. No loss to stock is reported. The inhabitants are confident the water will pass off in time to make a fine crop, it having receded three inches in twenty-four hours. The finest crop for many years was raised in this section last year after the water fell. The country from Fasonia down is safe with several feet of bank to spare. Plowing and planting are progressing.

Rough Treatment.
Charleston, S. C., March 18.—In Clarendon county, this state, Saturday, Chas. Wilson, United States mar-

shal, assisted by constables arrested nine white men and one colored man, all respectable merchants or farmers and took them from their homes without allowing them to change their clothing or make other preparations for the journey and carried them to Graham, locked them up all night and then took them to Florence, where they are to be held until Tuesday to be examined by the United States commissioners. Wilson said the arrest was for an election offense but would give the prisoners no more definite information of the charge against them. Bail was offered for the prisoners. Wilson refused it giving as a reason that to do so would deprive him of his mileage. Great indignation was caused by the proceedings. The prisoners are all Democrats.

Eagan on Ireland.
Waterbury, Conn., March 18.—At the close of a lecture on St. Patrick, by Father Lilley of Ohio to-night, Father Walsh introduced Patrick Eagan former secretary of the Land League, as the little man who made the British lion tremble. Eagan said Ireland is to-day in the hands of the most brutal and coercive foe, who is hanging innocent men, bayonetting women and shooting children. England is, he said, with her spies, informers and packed juries, trying to crush out the natural life of Ireland, but there is a new Ireland on this side of the Atlantic which she cannot trample out and which will hold her to a recognition for the crimes committed at home. He believed Ireland's long night of slavery was approaching its dawn and that measures for her national independence would be successful.

Brutal Murder.
Boston, March 18.—In Watertown about eight miles from here Mrs. Carleton was murdered in the hallway of her own house about 7:30 last night. The door bell rang and Mrs. Carleton answered, her daughter coming down to see the visitor, stepped upon the body of her mother at the foot of the stairs. Her skull was crushed with a large rock. Officers are looking for her husband, a liquor dealer of Boston. Mrs. Carleton was thirty years old, had two children and was far advanced in pregnancy. Her husband's name is Edward Carleton.

Carleton arrived at Watertown about midnight and then first learned of the murder. A friend here says Carleton didn't leave Boston for home until 10 o'clock at night.

Americans in Prison.
Capt. Dickman, of the steamer Foley, at this port from Aspinwall, reports that four Americans, B. S. Leavis, C. H. Barnes, T. D. Scott and Alex. Stewart, have been incarcerated at Panama upon the suspicion of being engaged in the robbery from the steamer of the Panama Railway Co. of \$50,000 in gold coin, shipped in two kegs. Scott and Leavis say they left Panama the day after the robbery for Aspinwall on business. Arriving at Aspinwall they met Stewart and the three were arrested at Greatfast. They were taken to Panama and imprisoned. Their baggage was searched but no gold found. The four prisoners addressed a protest to the United States Government, declaring they are innocent and asking redress. They say they have not been given a hearing.

The Diamond Mines.
Braidwood, Ill., March 18.—A large number of people gathered at the Diamond mine today. Only a few feet of water remained to be pumped out and the bodies are expected to come to the surface at any time. Hinged boxes, which fall flat by the removal of a pin, for handling the corpses when recovered, were sent down from Braidwood today.

General Notes.
Philadelphia, March 18.—Superintendent Snowden of the mint says the dies for the altered design of the new five-cent piece will not be ready for two or three weeks. The altered coin could not be issued till the nickels now in circulation could be called in. Colonel Snowden goes to New Orleans to investigate the circumstances connected with the issuing of the New Orleans mint of the gold coin found below the standard by the assay commissioner who reported it to the president.

Chicago, March 18.—The executive board of the Mississippi Valley Amateur Rowing Association have decided that the annual regatta is to be held at Pullman July 27 and 28 next. Prizes aggregating \$20,000 are to be offered and thirty-five clubs will compete.

Maurice Vignans and Wm. Sexton are here and will at once begin to practice for the great Balkline tournament, beginning the 23rd instant.

Deaver, Cal., March 18.—This evening at Red Cliff a small mining camp near Leadville, a man named Mansfield shot and instantly killed his wife and then put a bullet through his own head. Cause jealously.

Washington, March 18.—The annual meeting of the American Trust Society was held this evening, Justice Strong presiding. The secretary presented a report showing the total receipts for the year \$373,000, expenditures \$363,000, donations and legacies \$100,000.

St. Louis, March 18.—One of the severest changes in the weather which has taken place this winter, occurred here this evening. The mercury this afternoon marked seventy-seven degrees. At 11 o'clock to-night it had fallen below freezing point, with nearly an inch of snow on the ground. Reports from Omaha and other points in the northwest, say the mercury is all the way from zero to seventeen degrees below.

Foreign Notes.

London, March 18.—It is stated Parnell started for Paris yesterday evening.

Paris, March 18.—Up to 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon the day has been even quieter than usual. There has been nothing unusual done at Champ de Mars where the meeting of communists was announced to take place, or at Pere la Chaise cemetery where many slain communists are buried. In the provinces the only incidents have been a small meeting at St. Etienne which was dispersed without resistance and similar meetings at Roubaix were dispersed, which were attended with slight resistance and the arrest of persons. There has been no display of troops in Paris.

Geneva, March 18.—An anarchist meeting was held here last night at which existing socialism was denounced as organized infamy.

Paris, March 18.—Several drunken anarchists were arrested at Brasserie Des Pa-

quis. An uproar took place and fighting ensued, and the doors of the place were broken. The meeting afterwards separated. La Chapelle Joffrin a member of the municipality in a speech eulogizing the commune advised the workmen to abstain from disorderly manifestations.

Midnight—City is tranquil. Parnell has arrived.

Dresden, March 18.—Bishop Littjohn laid the corner-stone of the new American church here to-day. There was a large concourse present.

Hong Kong, March 18.—A French transport bringing the first installment of troops for the Tonquin expedition is reported arrived at her destination.

It is reported in Shanghai that the British authorities intimate the example lately introduced by the German officials, and will resort to forcible measures, if private business is obstructed by the Chinese.

Fires.
New Orleans, March 18.—Paranta Pavilion on Bourbon and Orleans streets was the scene of great excitement to-night. Just before the close of the performance the alarm of fire was given. The large audience was panic stricken and made a rush for the exit. The fire was subdued and quiet restored. It was found two men, two women, and a girl and a colored youth were severely crushed, being trampled upon. The wounded were sent to the Charity Hospital. Some it is believed are fatally hurt.

Cincinnati, March 18.—A fire at Hamilton at 3 this afternoon destroyed the distillery of the Miami Distilling Company, owned by Pattison & Caldwell. Loss, \$75,000 to \$100,000, well insured. The bonded warehouse and some out-houses were saved. The distillery and the cribs are a total loss.

Shreveport, La., March 18.—J. H. Stephens, wholesale grocer, J. C. Scope, wholesale grocer, A. Dreyfus, dry goods, C. H. Thurmond & Trites, cotton buyers, were damaged by fire \$20,000. Insurance unknown.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.

TEXAS TOPICS.

Burglars robbed several houses in Groesbeck last week.

The wagon for the Temple hook and ladder company is en route.

A hugging party is to be given in Temple for the benefit of the church. Charges \$2.50 per minute.

A lodge of Knights of Pythias has been organized at Temple.

At Lampasas a storm last Tuesday blew down several buildings.

Harve Morrison shot and badly wounded W. D. Haggard, twelve miles east of Gainesville.

The trial of Gumbert, who killed Samuels in Paris, occurs Wednesday.

A young man named Radcliffe, of Beaumont, had his leg badly shattered by the breaking of a circular saw.

Blind Tom is now appearing to audiences in eastern Texas.

Tom Varnell has not been captured as yet, but the *Mirror* says the Hill county officials are making every effort to catch him.

The citizens of Hubbard City, near which place the Varnell-Land outrage was committed, held a meeting and adopted resolutions condemning the act, and pledging themselves to uphold the officers in enforcing the law. Speaking of the parties to the tragedy, the Hubbard City *News* says: "We have no comment to make. Let people read and draw their own conclusion, which, in the face of the above evidence, cannot be favorable to Varnell. The Land family stand as well as any family in the country who have been here longer than they have, and if the girls have not always acted in a lady-like and proper manner, it has been kept from the public ear, which is not apt to be the case. Mr. Land was a member of the Masonic lodge at this place, and Miss Ella had taken the daughter's degree in the same lodge. Speaking of the same case the Hillsboro *Mirror* says: Tom P. Varnell was engaged in the saloon business in Hillsboro, a partner of his brother-in-law, John Sweeney. His mother, Mrs. E. L. Varnell, lives on Ash Creek, near Massey, about 12 miles from Hillsboro, is a elderly lady and is looked upon as one of the kindest-hearted women in Texas. She has seen a great deal of trouble. Her husband was murdered in cold blood a few years ago, and a son, aged 16, was also shot and killed at Patton's mill in McLennan county. Tom P. was the youngest child, and indulged by a good mother in all his wants and whims, never learned the value of a dollar, and on account of the lukewarmness of officials in failing to do their duty, he had begun to think everyone was afraid to arrest him, which he imagined gave him license to do as he pleased. As far as the statement that he has been 'hanging around here intimidating and shooting negroes and indulging in various other acts of desperadoism' is concerned, the 'prominent citizen' is very much mistaken.

Evidently Varnell is somewhat of a pet and hero in Hill county, though he committed the most damnable deed that ever disgraced the annals of Texas.

Isaac and Rufus Le Fors returned from Fort Worth on Wednesday last. On their way up through Greer county they killed a queer kind of an animal, dressed its hide and brought it on to town. Numerous persons have examined it but none have satisfactorily said what it is. It measures twenty-two inches in length, and its body was about the size of a large rat; it had a neck six inches long. It was colored like a prairie dog, but had finer fur, and was killed in a prairie dog town. What is it?—The *Panhandle*

SHACKELFORD COUNTY.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
Albany, March 16.—The court house question has at last been settled in the affirmative. A plan has been accepted and bids will be received up to the 30th day of 3 p.m., when the contract will be awarded and work to commence as soon as practicable thereafter.

The plan adopted by the court is an imposing one, combining all the qualities of safety, durability and grandeur, and when completed, will place Shackelford county abreast with the progressive counties of Nolan and

Mitchell. The building of a court house is only in keeping with the spirit of improvement that is seen in all parts of the county.

The defaulting ex-treasurer, W. C. Pace, was captured by our efficient sheriff, D. G. Simpson, in Kinney county near the line of Mexico. The particulars of his capture are very remarkable from the fact that it can be traced to a letter written by Pace under the assumed name of C. Rice addressed to the editor of the *Star* soliciting a copy of his paper. The handwriting was detected by the postmaster, F. B. Jacobs, who communicated his suspicions to several individuals among whom was L. M. Keener procured the letter and showed it to the sheriff who started next morning for Brackettsville in Kinney county where he succeeded in capturing Pace. Pace is now in jail under a charge of embezzlement.

The wife of Robert E. Watts died Monday last and was buried Tuesday morning.

The GAZETTE's traveling agent, W. L. Graves, was in town to-day working in the interest of the paper.

Judge Z. L. Fisher and wife are visiting friends in Dallas.

Stockmen are making the necessary preparations for beginning work on the range.

Business of all kinds seems to be growing rapidly and foreshadows a lively spring trade.

A cold rain yesterday and to-day.

CLAY COUNTY.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
Bellevue, March 18.—The little town of Bellevue experienced considerable excitement last night caused by the sudden illness of Mr. McKassin one of our leading dry-goods and grocery men. He had been complaining of pains in his head for two or three days. About eleven o'clock last night while some of our citizens were enjoying a game of croquet by moonlight they heard the cries of a woman calling for help. On entering the room Mr. McKassin was found lying on his bed in a critical condition.

At the time he was supposed by those present to be in the last agonies of death. Dr. Ryley of Bowie was immediately summoned and administered to the needs of the suffering man. He is much better at this writing. We hope to see him on the streets again soon.

Mr. Skinner of the *Henrietta Shield* paid us a visit and carried off some of our money, which was for subscription and advertisements.

SHERMAN NOTES.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
Sherman, March 16.—We had quite a freeze here last night though little damage was done to early vegetables and fruit.

Our district court is now in full blast. Hon. Richard Mattheis presiding. The bar and the people are pleased with him officially and socially. From the number of divorce suits filed for him to try he will see so many of the ills of matrimonial life, he will not likely be soon captured by any fair damsel, and most probably renew his devotion to a life of single blessedness.

Don't Forget It.

We had a long conversation recently with a remarkably sensible and well posted Northern man who for three years past has been growing wool and breeding sheep in Texas. In the course of this conversation he gave us some ideas that we deem worthy of presentation to our readers. We asked him as we have asked a hundred other sheepmen during the winter, "how have you come through the winter so far?" His answer was about as follows: "A durned sight below even middling well, to tell you the plain honest truth." He then added: "I might have said, as some of my neighbors have said, that I haven't lost anything but culls—old ewes or poor lambs, or sick sheep, but I would have misrepresented the facts, just as they did." We naturally inquired of him as to the causes which led to his loss, and it is his reply to this special inquiry which we desire to commend to our readers. Said he: "The man in the east, or of the north, who handles stock of any kind, especially sheep, soon learns to thoroughly appreciate the value of care there. He expects cold wet winters, and he prepares for them. He has warm shelter for his stock, and he has plenty of good food for them. The result is, that while it costs heavily to do this, he has the satisfaction of knowing when bad weather comes that his stock are provided for, will be comfortable and well fed. More than this, his losses by reason of the weather are slight, and he soon learns that every cent invested by him in the way of providing for his stock is certain to yield a large return. I handled stock north, and that was my experience there. Three years ago I came to Texas, and since then I have been handling sheep here. I came here under the impression that sheep would require no special care here. That the winters here were hardly worthy of the name, and that any kind of stock could easily rustle for a living and get it without help, the winter through. It happened that the first winter I was here my sheep wintered all right without hay, grain or shelter. The last winter was not a hard one and I got through all right. Naturally I concluded that this winter would be a repetition of the other two, and I started into it just as I had started into them, without shelter for my sheep, or any provision in the way of food. You have asked me to give you the result, and I have done so. I have lost sheep enough estimating them at what I have left is worth, to have paid for sheds for every hoof on my ranch, and for the very best kind of food and plenty of it. Another winter I will take warning from my experience this winter, and not only provide shelter for my sheep, but good strengthening food and plenty of it. I was caught napping this time but I'll be wide awake next time."

This was what he said and what we say to the wool-growers of Texas is, "read and heed."

Our sheep friend from the north is right, and it will pay you to act on the advice given in the popular phrase concluding "and don't you forget it."

—Texas Wool Grower.

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